

**Ag Livestock Committee Meeting
September 12, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order - Jacob
Approval of Agenda
Minutes**



Treasurer's Report - \$ in checking

**Fairboard Report – Justin S.
Small Animal Update
Horse Update**

Old Business:

New Business:

County Fair Evaluation Notes – See attached
Other items to add to these?

Fair Sale Summary

Other

Next Meeting Date: New 4-H Ag Livestock Committee begins work in November (will send a Doodle poll to set dates for the year) Meets in Nov, Jan, Mar, May, July & Sept.

Elections at next meeting

Announcements: National 4-H Week is October 1 – 7 – WEAR GREEN!

4-H Council Leadership Retreat is in October – Fairgrounds – *Who will make the Ag Livestock Report?*

4-H Achievement Banquet is Sat., November 4, 5:00 p.m. program (RSVP by Oct. 27)

Thanks for serving on 4-H Ag Livestock Committee!

Motion to Adjourn

Keep current on all KS 4-H Livestock happenings @ www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu

2016 - 17 Ag Livestock

Ean Dexter – SS
Kylie & Nicole Dreiling – BCA
Wyatt Grabbe – GH
Kirk Huser – B&S
Anna Kuhn – ES
Lane Pfannenstiel - GH
Derek Pfeifer - ES
Jaylinn Pfeifer – B&S
Konnor Pfeifer – ES
Emily Quinn – SS
Quentin Rupp – BCA
Jacob Sack – GJ
Heather Scheck - VV
Jacob Schmeidler – B&S
Grant Schoenrock – VV
Connor Staab – B&S

Leslie Dexter
Jennifer Grabbe
Kevin Huser
Pat Kuhn
Julie Miller
Jill Pfannenstiel
April Pfeifer
Brandon Pfeifer
Dave / LuAnn Pfeifer
Richard Quinn
Jeff Sack
Justin Scheck
Jonathan Schmeidler
Ken Schoenrock
Tim Staab
Bonnie Werth

2017 County Fair Feedback – from comment box, superintendents, web survey and other comments

4-H Horse Show

Livestock Check In/Weigh-in

- Went well
- Vets were great

Livestock Showmanship

- All 4-H'ers buy a county 4-H shirt – these shirts are to be worn during shows – Some counties get these sponsored

Herdsmanship

- Wood chips in Beef Barn
- Label Tie Out Areas better
- What did you think of silent judges??

Swine Show

- Remove Sow & Litter class from book. Replace with a crossbred breeding gilt class – Breeding gilts are not eligible for sale.
- Market hogs failing to make the minimum weight limit of 220 lbs. or exceeding the weight limit of 290 lbs. will (not?) be shown as super light or super heavyweight. These animals will be shown but not eligible for grand and reserve champion – compliance with state rule
- Purebred classes or crossbred breeding – 3 or more makes its own class. Any number of purebreds below that will be shown together. All winners will be shown for a supreme.

Sheep / Goat Show

- Water arena ahead of show
- Move to Tuesday evening
- Old Timers showmanship to follow

Beef Show

- Thursday a.m. instead of evening
- Beef Show in the Morning
- Good judge
- Thank sponsors during show and sale – 4H'ers need to do this!
- Later evening Beef Show
- Rework Heifer classes

Round Robin

- Rhiannon and Codi do a good job
- Went well
- Include Dairy next year if kids are registered
- Need an arena watering volunteer

Small Animal Barn

- Maybe enter rabbits one day and chickens the other (the night before the show)
- Judge – was prompt and knowledgeable, very helpful to the kids

Livestock Judging Contest

- Kevin Huser & FHSU students do a great job
- Add statement to Fairbook that the contest chairs have the ability to choose from all livestock exhibited at the fair to form the contest classes.

Livestock Photos

- Need a backup camera – the heat caused camera failure
- Kelsey put the logo stamp on all photos, so no need for the banner backdrop – Move stamp in so it doesn't get cut off
- Continue with the alternate photo time of Tuesday evening for swine?
- Would like the backdrop closer to the showring so if you won champion and reserve with showmanship or animal to take a picture with the judge and your ribbon. It takes only 2 min right after the selection to snap a photo with the judge near a banner that says Ellis County Fair. You don't need a year so you can reuse it. Make an area in the arena probably closest to the exit not many stand over there to watch the show!!
- Beef Photos – Quality photos – better backdrop – located near arena – take pix at a different time so not as hot – some didn't like the imprint on top of the animal

Livestock Sale

- Need to revisit floor and transport statements and rework the intent to sell form
- Parent suggestion – would like to see Floor Price posted on the intent to sell form.
- Do we continue to deliver animals to a floor buyer??
- Would it work in the morning? Hold a Businessman's Breakfast at the Foodstand instead of the BBQ tickets – Many times businessmen are golfing or doing other recreational things on a Friday evening. If it was held during the business day, would we get a better response??? Survey current buyers.

Livestock Release

- Went well
- Encourage folks to bring wheelbarrows and tools for clean up

Animal Management Skill-a-thon

- Chelsey Smith did a great job coordinating the contest.
- Jr. Participation was up this year. Seniors need to be role models and support this contest!

Livestock Sweepstakes Selection

- Need a process for this contest selection